

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE



OFFICIAL WARNING
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NUMBER:
SD120006 AC

VIOLATOR:
Merlin Konechne
DBA MTB Kennels

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37280 246th St.
White Lake, SD 57383

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal Regulations:

Date of Violation: August 29, 2011

9 C.F.R. § 2.126(b) Access and inspection of records and property.

You failed to make a responsible adult available to accompany APHIS officials during the inspection process.

Date of Violation: December 13, 2011

9 C.F.R. § 3.1(b) Housing facilities, general. (b) Condition and site. You failed to keep the housing facilities and areas used for storing animal food or bedding free of any accumulation of trash, waste material, junk, weeds, and other discarded materials.

The main housing facility had an accumulation of unused materials including equipment and other debris on the shelves covering the primary enclosures and stacked along the aisle ways.

Date of Violation: December 13, 2011

9 C.F.R. § 3.4(c) Outdoor housing facilities. You failed to replace worn or soiled surfaces of the outdoor housing facilities that could not be readily cleaned and sanitized.

The paint and/or sealant on the wood surfaces located in the main housing facility were worn off making the surfaces unable to be properly cleaned and sanitized.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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